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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced reissue application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 18, 35, 37, 40 and add new claims 41-56 as follows:

1. A bottle cap for capping a bottle having a mouth having a rim, the cap comprising:  
a top portion having an inner surface;  
an annular wall extending from the top portion;  
a plurality of concentric circular ridges formed on the top portion inner surface for registering with the rim; and  
at least a slot formed across each of said plurality of ridges.
  
2. A bottle cap as recited in claim 1 comprising, wherein at least one slot is formed across all the ridges.